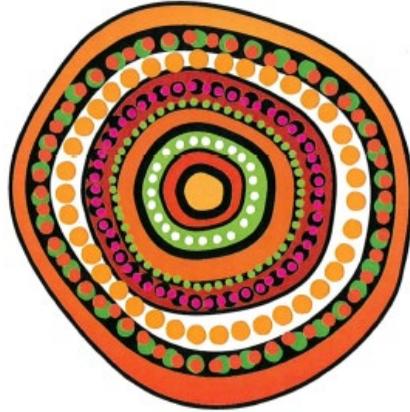
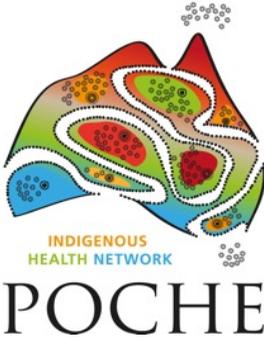




THE UNIVERSITY OF  
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# KEY THINKERS FORUM

## Racism in Health



### When

Wednesday, 07<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
13:00 – 15:30 AEST

### Where

Via Zoom Link  
To Be Sent at Later Date

### More information

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The current models of practice are not working to effectively “close the Gap”. Despite a growing willingness and need to consider new proposed models of practice, there remains a deep-seated resistance to identifying and addressing institutional and systemic racism and racist attitudes, including unconscious biases held by individuals. Western non-Indigenous worldviews of ways of being, knowing and doing continue to dominate the decisions and actions of governments – and consequentially dominate public health policies and practices. There is an unacceptable standard approach, for and about Indigenous health instead of with Indigenous peoples, resulting in the neglectful dismissal of Indigenous knowledges and Indigenous cultures of ways of being, knowing and doing. How can we get the ‘r’ word on every agenda?

### Panel Members (Facilitated by Prof. Tom Calma AO)

- Dr Carmen Parter
- Karen Mundine
- Leilani Darwin
- Dr Raymond Lovett



## Professor Tom Calma AO

**Poche Network Patron & Chair & Chancellor of the University of Canberra**

An Aboriginal elder of the Kungarakan tribal group. Prof. Calma has dedicated his life to improving the lives of all Australians & particularly Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Australians, championing advocacy for human rights & social justice.

Former Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner & Race Discrimination Commissioner. Tom also served as a senior Australian diplomat in India & Vietnam. His landmark 2005 report calling for the life expectancy gap between Indigenous & non-Indigenous people to be closed within a generation laid the groundwork for the Close the Gap campaign & COAG's Closing the Gap response. Prof. Calma is the National Coordinator Tackling Indigenous Smoking & is Patron of Indigenous Allied Health Australia.

## Dr Carmen Parter

**Qualifications PhD (Medicine), MPA, MAISP, GCR&L, PCIR, DipCServ, CertIVTAE, RN, RM & WHNPract.**

Carmen is at the University of Queensland Poche Centre for Indigenous Health, as a Senior Research Fellow responsible for setting up their research program. This follows from Carmen's PhD completion at Sydney Poche while a Wingarra Mura academic fellow. As the inaugural Co-Chair of the Indigenous Working Group of the World Federation of Public Health Association, a civil society member to the WHO, she has led the setting of Indigenous public health policies globally.

Carmen is a highly regarded Indigenous health expert with outstanding experiences of respectfully partnering with

communities and end users. As a clinician, educator, researcher, and manager (including 25 years' experience as a senior policy maker and executive leader), she is well-positioned to talk about the R word - racism. In recognition of her experience Carmen was awarded an honorary Associate Professor (Adjunct) in 2015 by the University of Sydney School of Nursing and Midwifery, Faculty of Medicine and Health. She also received the 2021 CATSINaM Fellowship.

Carmen's PhD explored how policy makers implement culture once culture has been incorporated in a public policy instrument like the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Plan 2013-2023. Her research concerns how to translate Indigenous knowledges when incorporating the cultures – known as the cultural determinants of health – into services and programs. She is also an expert in Indigenous research methods that centre Indigenous knowledges relating to cultural ways of being, knowing and doing into how research and programs are to be conducted and developed. Given this expertise, Carmen has peer reviewed several articles in recent times.





## **Karen Mundine**

**Chief Executive Officer  
Reconciliation Australian**

Karen Mundine is from the Bundjalung Nation of northern NSW. As the CEO at Reconciliation Australia, Karen brings to the role more than 20 years' experience leading community engagement, public advocacy, communications and social marketing campaigns.

Over the course of her career she has been instrumental in some of Australia's watershed national events including the Apology to the Stolen Generations, Centenary of Federation commemorations, Corroboree 2000 and the 1997 Australian Reconciliation Convention.

Ms Mundine holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Technology Sydney and is a Director of the Gondwana Children's Choir Board.

Previous roles include Mary Mackillop Board Director, Deputy Chief Executive and General Manager Communication and Engagement, Reconciliation Australia; Senior Consultant, CPR Communications; senior public affairs and communications roles with federal government departments including Prime Minister and Cabinet and Foreign Affairs and Trade.

## **Leilani Darwin**

**Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy at the Black Dog Institute**

Leilani Darwin is the Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy at the Black Dog Institute. She has recently joined the Executive leadership team to drive the work that they are doing to be a trusted partner to Aboriginal and Torres



Strait Islander social and emotional wellbeing to address suicide prevention and mental health. Leilani is already well known within the sector for her work and leadership in Suicide Prevention and Mental Health she is a powerful advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led, culturally informed practices within mainstream services. This has been built from her own personal lived experience of losing many loved ones to suicide and her own mental ill health.

Through her leadership with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Lived Experience Centre she will continue to work closely with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to support and empower their voices and participation in key policy reform, program development and advisory roles across both the Mental Health and Suicide Prevention sector.



## **Dr Raymond Lovett**

**Program leader for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Research School of Population Health**

Dr Raymond Lovett is the Program leader for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Research School of Population Health. Ray is an Aboriginal

Wongaibon/Ngyampaa) social epidemiologist with extensive experience in health services research, public health policy development and health program evaluation.

The emphasis of Dr Lovett's research has involved the integration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture with improving health outcomes and health services. He has an additional focus on administrative and health services data to change policy and practice.